

Scan revealed he suffered a stroke in utero, which caused excess fluid to build up in his brain. It showed that the lower level quadrant of his brain was missing. Within a week of his birth, he had the first shunt surgery to drain fluid, and he had a follow-up procedure in three months. He exceeded everybody's expectations. So a baby, which doctors initially believed was blind, had no capacity for learning, grew to a little boy who talked, walked, ran, sang, enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. He attended preschool. His heroes were Cal Ripken, Jr., Batman, Spiderman, and the Backstreet Boys. He loved whales and dolphins. His favorite movie was *Angels in the Outfield*. And he especially loved his baby sister, who was two years younger than he. Christian brought joy to all who were fortunate enough to know him.

In August, Christian began experiencing head pains. Here is little Christian in this photo, and this is his little baby sister. His shunt was malfunctioning, and it had to be replaced.

After surgery, Christian experienced cardiac arrest respiratory distress. He slipped into a coma. Fluid continued to accumulate on his brain. He fought hard to live. But he didn't. He died 2 years ago on August 8 at the age of 4.

If you think these kids don't matter, if you think this option is just all pain, ask Mark and Dianne whether they would trade the 4 years. They have those wonderful memories—difficult, sure; painful, sure. But they believed in their child. They loved him. They nurtured him. And he returned much more than they ever gave—not just to them but to all of us.

Do you want to know how they felt about their little brother?

Last year, on his anniversary, these are little ads taken out in the *Harrisburg Patriot News* by his sisters, his brother, his mom and dad.

His sister said:

Christian, we love you, we miss you, we wish we could kiss you just one more time.

His brother, Mark:

I have a poem for you.

Blue jays are blue, and I love you; robins are red, and I miss you in bed; sparrows are black, I wish you were back; I am sorry for the bad things I did to you, you are the best and the only brother I ever had, please watch over us and take care of us. Love Mark.

His mom and dad:

Our arms ache to hold you again. Our hearts are forever broken, but we thank God we had a chance to love you. We know your smile is brightening up the heavens, and that Jesus loves the little children. Please help us to carry on until the day we can all play together again.

What would be missed, as some would suggest, if we just take all of this pain away, and kill this baby before it would suffer through this horrible life?

The McNaughtons would not trade a minute. I think it is obvious they wouldn't trade a minute.

All of the stories are not happy ones. All of the sad stories do not have a

bright side. Some are just tragic and tragic and tragic.

But I can tell you as a family who has gone through the loss of a child, and what we thought was a normal pregnancy didn't go the way we had hoped, accepting your child, loving your child, taking your children as they are, for as long as they are to be may be the hardest thing you can do. But it is the best that we can do—not just for the child whose life you have affirmed and accepted but in your life.

In the case of Mark, the little boy knew he was loved. He lived a couple of hours. Karen and I and our family have the knowledge that for those hours we opened up our arms to him, and during those 2 hours he knew he was loved.

What a wonderful life we could all have if that is all we had.

We have a chance tomorrow to draw a bright line. A bright line needs to be drawn for this country. If there is a time in our society and in our world when we need a bright line separating life and death, I can think of no better time.

This debate today and tomorrow is drawing that line, affirming that once a baby is in the process of being born and there is a partial-birth abortion outside of the mother, the line has been crossed. It is not a fuzzy line. If we perform that kind of brutality to a little baby who would otherwise be born alive, it is beneath us as a country.

History will look back at this debate, I am sure, and wonder how it could have ever occurred. How we could ever have done that to the most helpless among us? How did we ever cross the line?

But tomorrow those Members of the Senate will have a chance to tell a different story for history, to say that the greatest deliberative body in the world will strike a clear blow for the right to life for little children during the process of being born.

I don't think it is too much to ask. But I do ask it of my colleagues. I plead with them to find somewhere in their hearts the strength to stand up and do what is right for this country, what is right for the little children, and say no to partial-birth abortions.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

SUBMITTING CHANGES TO THE BUDGETARY AGGREGATES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALLOCATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended, requires the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to adjust the appropriate budgetary aggregates and the allocation for the Appropriations Committee to reflect amounts provided for emergency requirements and arrearages for international organizations, international peacekeeping, and multilateral development banks.

I hereby submit revisions to the 2000 Senate Appropriations Committee allo-

cations, pursuant to section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act, in the following amounts:

(In millions of dollars)

	Budget authority	Outlays	Deficit
Current allocation:			
General purpose discretionary	550,441	557,580	.....
Violent crime reduction fund	4,500	5,554	.....
Highways .....	.....	24,574	.....
Mass transit .....	.....	4,117	.....
Mandatory	321,502	304,297	.....
Total	876,443	896,122	.....
Adjustments:			
General purpose discretionary	+7,063	+4,118	.....
Violent crime reduction fund .....	.....	.....	.....
Highways .....	.....	.....	.....
Mass transit .....	.....	.....	.....
Mandatory .....	.....	.....	.....
Total	+7,063	+4,118	.....
Revised allocation:			
General purpose discretionary	557,504	561,698	.....
Violent crime reduction fund	4,500	5,554	.....
Highways .....	.....	24,574	.....
Mass transit .....	.....	4,117	.....
Mandatory	321,502	304,297	.....
Total	883,506	900,240	.....

I hereby submit revisions to the 2000 budget aggregates, pursuant to section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act in the following amounts:

Current allocation: Budget resolution	1,445,390	1,428,962	-20,880
Adjustments: Emergencies and arrearages	+7,063	+4,118	-4,118
Revised allocation: Budget resolution	1,452,453	1,433,080	-24,998

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent while attending to a family member's medical condition during Senate action on rollcall votes Nos. 328 and 329.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted as follows: On rollcall vote No. 328, adoption of the conference report on H.R. 2684, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, I would have agreed to the conference report. On rollcall vote No. 329, the motion to table Senate Amendment No. 2299, a Reid perfecting amendment to the campaign finance reform bill, I would have voted not to table the amendment.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, we have now set aside—until the next time!—the McCain-Feingold legislation on campaign finance reform. I did not speak during this most recent debate. The third in three years, and for certain not the last as Senator FEINGOLD made clear last evening on the "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." I supported the reform with only a faint sense of familiarity. Here we are, reforming the results of the last reform. A not infrequent task of Congress. But now it might be useful to offer a few related observations.

The first is to state that raising money for political campaigns has never been a great burden for this Senator, and for the simple reason that I